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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
**JEFFREY MILLER, ET AL**  
APPLICATION NO: **09/975,813**  
FILED: **10/12/2001**  
FOR: **ASSAYS AND PEPTIDE SUBSTRATE FOR DETERMINING  
AGGRECAN DEGRADING METALLO PROTEASE ACTIVITY**

ART UNIT: **1652**  
EXAMINER: **FRONDA, CHRISTIAN L**

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**Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This amendment under Rule 116 is in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006. A response during the shortened statutory period is due November 9, 2006. Accompanied herewith is a Notice of Appeal. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed and that no additional fees are necessary.

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